



RIVER ACADEMY

Student Bulletin

What's on next week?

Week 1

26th – 30th January 2026

School timings:

Please be reminded of our school timings below:

| Mon, Tues & Thurs | | Wed | | Fri | |
|-------------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------------------|
| 09:10-9:30 | Tutor | 09:10-09:30 | Tutor | 09:10-10:05 | Lesson 1 |
| 09:30-10:30 | Lesson 1 | 09:30-10:30 | Lesson 1 | 10:05-11:00 | Lesson 2 |
| 10:30-10:50 | Break | 10:30-10:50 | Break | 11:00-11:20 | Break |
| 10:50-11:50 | Lesson 2 | 10:50-11:50 | Lesson 2 | 11:20-12:15 | Lesson 3 |
| 11:50-12:50 | Lesson 3 | 11:50-12:50 | Lesson 3 | 12:15-13:05 | Lunch |
| 12:50-13:40 | Lunch | 12:50-13:40 | Lunch | 13:05-14:00 | Lesson 4 |
| 13:40-14:35 | Lesson 4 | 13:40-14:35 | Lesson 4 | 14:00-14:55 | Lesson 5 |
| 14:35-15:35 | Lesson 5 | 14:35-15:35 | Lesson 5 | 14:55-15:15 | Celebration Assembly |
| | | 15:35-16:30 | Elective | | |

Canteen Menu:



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WEEK ONE



| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
| Main Course | Pasta Bolognese Garlic Bread Broccoli | Chicken Teriyaki Noodles Mixed Vegetables | Chicken Burger in a Bun Potato Wedges Sweetcorn | Pork Sausage Creamy Mash Carrots Gravy | Chip Shop Friday |
| Vegetarian | Pasta with a Tomato & Basil Sauce Garlic Bread Broccoli | Quorn & Vegetable Teriyaki Noodles Mixed Vegetables | Vegi Burger in a Bun Potato Wedges Sweetcorn | Quorn Sausage & Mash Carrots Gravy | Cheese & Onion Pastie |
| Jackets | Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad | Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad | Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad | Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad | Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad |
| Dessert of the Day | Apple & Raspberry Crumble Custard | Iced Sponge | Chocolate Brownie Chocolate Sauce | Jam Sponge Custard | Jam Donuts |
| Dessert Alternative | Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie | Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie | Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie | Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie | Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie |

Please ask for more information if you have any allergies.



Young Artists' Summer Show

Interested in getting your artwork selected and displayed at the Royal Academy of Arts?

Young Artists' Summer Show 2026 is now open for entries!

This is a **FREE** opportunity for anyone to enter. You can enter this independently or collaborate with your friends! The winner gets a prize!

If you are interested or wish to know more about the details, please speak to Miss Chow. You will be given a permission form to sign and guidance sheet for artwork submission.

The deadline for student submission is on the 23th of February, please ensure that you submit your work early before this date so your work can be scanned or photographed before submitting.

If you wish to submit a video, please make sure to upload it to YouTube or Vimeo first. Please be cautious if the music you use is copyrighted.

You must submit **ONE** artwork that is titled, an 80 words artist description or statement in your own words, and the type of materials or mediums you are using. The artwork itself should not exceed 300cm height x 90cm width.

Looking forward to seeing all your lovely artwork!

Holocaust Memorial Day

Webinar Event – 3:45–4:45pm, Tuesday 27th January



When is Holocaust Memorial Day?

International Holocaust Memorial Day is commemorated on 27 January every year, and this year it falls on **Tuesday 27th January**.



We're marking Holocaust Memorial Day

#HolocaustMemorialDay
27 January



Free event!

This is a chance to learn more about the **History of the Holocaust** and hear from **conflict survivors!**

Speak to Miss Angell if you have any questions.

Sign up required – outside 1.21 (Miss Angell's Room)

Taking place this term:

Make sure you are signing up to these amazing **FREE** opportunities!



| Description | | Y7/Y8? | Date | Time |
|---|--|---|----------|-------------|
| Italian for Beginners | | Y7 ONLY | 8/1/26 | 3.45–4.30pm |
| Linguistics Olympiad | | Y7 & Y8 | 13/1/26 | 3.45–4.30pm |
| Community Lecture: Victorian Reading | | EVERYONE- including parents, carers, staff, students, members of our community. | 20/1/26 | 4–5pm |
| Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration | | Y7 & Y8 | 27/1/26 | 3.40–4.45pm |
| Classics for All Day (invite only) | | Y8 ONLY (invite only) | 29/1/26 | All Day |
| How Does Mythology Impact Our Modern World? | | Y7 & Y8 | 3/2/26 | 3.45–4.30pm |
| Community Lecture: Planetary Defence | | EVERYONE- including parents, carers, staff, students, members of our community. | 10/2/26 | 4–5pm |
| Villains- why do we love them so much? | | Y7 ONLY | 2/3/26 | 3.45–4.30pm |
| Maths Challenge Preparation | | Y7 ONLY | 19/3/26 | 3.45–4.30pm |
| Science Masterclass: Heart dissections | | Y8 ONLY | 19/3/26 | 3.45–4.30pm |
| What did the Romans do for fun? | | Y7 ONLY | DATE TBC | 3.45–4.30pm |

Speak to Miss Angell if you have any questions.

More details about each session will be shared in the bulletin.

YEAR 8 NEWS!

Year 8 Barclays Life skills Careers' Programme



On Thursday, Year 8 hosted Richard Alexander, who works for The Talent Foundry, an organisation that connects schools with businesses to develop career's knowledge and workplace skills.

This was Richard's second visit to Year 8 this year, as part of a 4-day programme. After his first visit, Richard's feedback was glowing, and Day 2 only got better. Richard shared how mature and thoughtful students were, and even said the quality was of GCSE-age standard!

On this visit, students were asked to consider how their skills and behaviours contribute to a 'workplace culture' and reflected on how they can continue to improve these skills.

It was clear that River students understand the value of these behaviour and skills, which are already so aligned with our River culture!



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Sparx
Reader



Sparx
Maths



Sparx
Science

TRIPLE GOLD!



Sparx Reader: 100% 1st out of 1042 schools
Sparx Maths: 100% 1st out of 2579 schools
Sparx Science: 100%

Monthly Maths House Competition

Maths Problem of the Month – January 2026

Answer the question below. Submit your answer to your form tutor or Mrs Strong by the end of **Monday 26th January**. You can only submit one answer. All correct answers will be awarded 3 merits.

Jonas looks through a book. In one place he multiplies the page numbers and gets the product 110. He turns back 2 pages and multiplies again. What product does he get then?

Fixture dates:

| U12 Basketball | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Date | Opposition | Venue |
| 13 th January | BHF-B | River |
| 27 th January | Bohunt | Bohunt |
| 3 rd Feb | Little Heath-A | Little Heath |

| U14 Basketball | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Date | Opposition | Venue |
| 15 th January | Prospect | River |
| 20 th January | BHF | River |
| 22 nd January | Denefield | River |
| 12 th Feb | Little Heath | Little Heath |

| U12 Boys Football | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Date | Opposition | Venue |
| 3 rd March | Denefield/Highdown | Denefield |
| 10 th March | Wren/Willink | Wren |
| 17 th March | BHF/Little Heath | River |
| 24 th March | Prospect/Theale | Prospect |
| 14 th April | Finals/TBC | TBC |

| U13 Boys Football | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Date | Opposition | Venue |
| 5 th March | Denefield/Highdown | River |
| 12 th March | Willink/Wren | Willink |
| 19 th March | Little Heath/BHF | Little Heath |
| 26 th March | Prospect/Theale | River |
| 16 th April | Semi's | TBC |

| U12 girls netball | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| Date | Opposition | Venue |
| 26 th February | BHF and Highdown | River |
| 5 th March | Prospect and Little Heath | River |
| 12 th March | MER and Kendrick | River |
| 19 th March | Reading Girls | River |
| 26 th March | Finals | TBC |

| U13 girls netball | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| Date | Opposition | Venue |
| 25 th February | Reading Girls, Highdown | River |
| 4 th March | Kendrick, Little Heath | River |
| 11 th March | Denefield, Wren | River |
| 18 th March | Prospect, BHF | River |
| 25 th March | Finals | TBC |

| Year 7 and 8 Athletics | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Tuesday 9th June | GIRLS MATCH 1 | 4.15 - 5.45 pm |
| Thursday 11th June | BOYS MATCH 1 | 4.15 - 5.45 pm |
| Tuesday 16th June | GIRLS MATCH 2 | 4.15 - 5.45 pm |
| Thursday 18th June | BOYS MATCH 2 | 4.15 - 5.45 pm |
| Tuesday 23rd June | GIRLS MATCH 3 | 4.15 - 5.45 pm |
| Thursday 25th June | BOYS MATCH 3 | 4.15 - 5.45 pm |
| Tuesday 30th June | GIRLS & BOYS FINAL (all Teams) | 2.00 - 6.00 pm |



Clubs this term!

BOYS FOOTBALL TRAINING

Boys Year 7 and 8 football training will be held after-school on the following dates:

- Thursday 27th November
- Tuesday 16th December
- Tuesday 6th January
- Thursday 8th January
- Tuesday 20th January
- Thursday 29th January
- Thursday 5th February
- Thursday 19th February
- Thursday 26th February

It will be held on the Rivermead 3G. Please bring in your PE kit, shin pads and football boots.

Year 7 5-a-side tournament @ JMA is on the 2nd December
 Year 8 5-a-side @ Denefield is on the 27th January

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS!
JOIN THE FUN!

TUESDAY
Netball & Badminton
 Sign Up Now!

WEDNESDAY MORNING
Basketball
 8:00am - 8:45am

FRIDAY MORNING
5-a-Side Football & Reading Rockets
 Sign Up Now!

BOYS FOOTBALL
Speak to Mr Clare!

BASKETBALL CLUB EVERY WEDNESDAY 0800-0845



| YEAR 7 FIXTURES | YEAR 8 FIXTURES |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 18 TH NOVEMBER @ OAKBANK | 25 TH NOVEMBER @ BOHUNT |
| 9 TH DECEMBER @ BHF-A | 4 TH DECEMBER @ BHF |
| 18 TH DECEMBER @ DENEFIELD | 11 TH DECEMBER @ THEALE |
| 13 TH JANUARY @ BHF-B | 15 TH JANUARY @ PROSPECT |
| 27 TH JANUARY @ BOHUNT | 22 ND JANUARY @ DENEFIELD |
| 3 RD FEB @ LITTLE HEATH-A | 12 TH FEB @ LITTLE HEATH |

5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



EVERY FRIDAY
 0800-0845
 SPORTS HALL

STUDENTS NEED TO WEAR PE KIT TO SCHOOL, BUT BRING THEIR UNIFORM WITH THEM

NETBALL



YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 GIRLS
EVERY TUESDAY
 3:30 - 4:30
 WITH MISS MOORE

Trials will be next Tuesday from then onwards it is squad training!

Kool Keyboards

*Want to learn the piano?
Come along to Kool
Keyboards where you can
learn your favourite
songs and have expert
advice to help you improve!*

*Open to all years
Thursday break times in 0.62*



**AXIOM
MATHS**

Realise your power.

Unlock your power by joining our weekly maths circles! Immerse yourself in a community of passionate peers, where you'll tackle interesting problems, learn new things and increase your love and confidence in maths.

*Year 7's
By invitation only
Room 1.65
Tuesday after school until
4.30pm*



Aim High Be Inclusive Work Together

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The River Canon

We are excited to have launched our River Canon with Years 7 and 8. This is a reading challenge designed to get students reading a range of texts and genres.

Copies of the books can be found in the LRC (and more are on their way). Students have a copy of the River Canon booklet, and it can be found on SharePoint.

Merits and prizes will be available for those who read Bronze, Silver and Gold. Happy reading!

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Year 8
The River Canon

NAME:

TUTOR GROUP:

REPORTING ABSENCES

If you need to report an absence, please do so **daily by 8:00 a.m.** via the **Class Charts App**.

If you are unable to log the absence on Class Charts, please send an email to riverattendance@maidenerleghtrust.org.

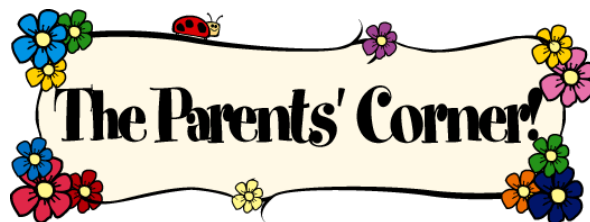
For any attendance-related matters, please contact us at riverattendance@maidenerleghtrust.org, rather than river@maidenerleghtrust.org

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

If you need to book a medical appointment for your child, please try to arrange it **outside of school hours** whenever possible. If this isn't possible, aim to book appointments **early in the morning** or **towards the end of the school day**. This helps ensure students miss as few lessons as possible.

If your child is unwell, please refer to the **NHS guidance** when deciding whether to keep them at home: [Is my child too ill for school? – NHS](#)

If your child has an appointment during the school day, please bring them to school before or after the appointment -even if it is just for one period. Every single period counts, as each lesson missed is valuable learning time lost.



Common Illnesses and What to Do

| Condition | Should They Stay Home? | When Can They Go Back? |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Chickenpox | Yes | When spots have crusted |
| Cold sores | No | Can attend – avoid sharing cups, kissing |
| Conjunctivitis | Usually no | Unless very unwell |
| COVID-19 | If mild, can go | Stay home if fever or too unwell; if positive, stay home 3 days |
| Ear infection | Yes, if fever/severe pain | When feeling better |
| Hand, foot & mouth disease | No, if feeling well | Can attend |
| Head lice/nits | No | Can attend after treatment starts |
| Impetigo | Yes | Until sores crusted/healed, or 48 hrs after antibiotics |
| Measles | Yes | 4 days after rash appears |
| Ringworm | No | Once treatment starts |
| Scarlet fever | Yes | 24 hrs after antibiotics |
| Slapped cheek (fifth disease) | No | Once rash appears, they're no longer infectious |
| Sore throat | No, unless fever | Return when fever gone |
| Threadworms | No | Can attend after treatment |
| Vomiting/diarrhoea | Yes | Stay home 48 hrs after last episode/ You may bring them back to school once you feel they have fully recovered. |



Getting your child to school really matters..... Did you know?.....

| If in a school year your child is late every day by..... | Your child would have lost approximately..... | Or they would have missed approximately |
|--|---|---|
| 5 minutes | 3 days from school | 20 lessons |
| 10 minutes | 7 days from school | 41 lessons |
| 15 minutes | 10 days from school | 55 lessons |
| 20 minutes | 14.5 days from school | 82 lessons |
| 30 minutes | 22 days from school | 123 lessons |

Absence = Missed opportunity



Getting your child to school really matters..... Did you know?.....

| If Your child's attendance during the school year.... | Your child would lose approximately..... | Or they would have missed opportunity |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| <u>Was</u> 95% | 9 days from school | 50 lessons |
| <u>Was</u> 90% | 19 days from school | 100 lessons |
| Was 85% | 29 days from school | 150 lessons |
| Was 80% | 38 days from school | 200 lessons |
| Was 75% | 48 days from school | 250 lessons |

Absence = lost opportunity